

I strongly feel that the public spectrum used to broadcast high definition broadcasting to the public should not be held hostage by Viacom with the proposed mandatory protection flag support in all receivers. The spectrum that they're using is owned by the american public not private industry. The fcc licenses it out to the broadcasters, but at the end of the day, it's our spectrum. If the broadcasters are concerned about protection of their content over the public airways, then they should not broadcast the content. They have strong content controls over private delivery systems like cable and satellite where they can reach the larger audience. If they do not like the open public nature of the OTA spectrum, then they should walk away. I can assure you they will not, and if they did, others would quickly take their place.

Do not allow them to warp the public broadcasting system towards their bottom line. VCRs did NOT kill the video rental or movie industry as predicted, and neither will OTA recording of publicly broadcast free to air programs.